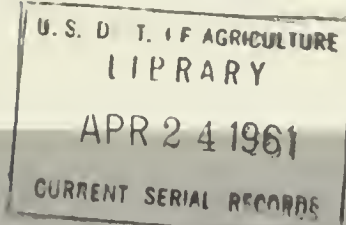


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WORLD GARBANZO TRADE UP

44 PERCENT IN 1959

International trade in garbanzos (chickpeas) was 1.5 million bags in 1959, up 44 percent from 1958's 1.1 million and 115 percent over 1957's trade of almost 720,000 bags. This report is based on complete returns from 17 countries and includes that part of the trade of 18 non-reporting countries which they had with reporting countries.

The big exporters in 1959 were Morocco, Turkey and Mexico, in that order.

Morocco exported 634,000 bags in 1959, double the previous year and nearly 10 times the 1957 volume. The major flow of Moroccan 1959 exports was 170,000 bags to France, 170,000 to Algeria, 60,000 to Lebanon, and the balance to other Mediterranean destinations.

Turkey exported 386,000 bags in 1959, but none in 1958 or 1957. The flow in 1959 was 267,000 bags to Lebanon, 52,000 to Malta and 48,000 to Syria.

Mexico, the third largest, exported 200,000 to 300,000 bags in each of the 3 years 1957 to 1959. The 1959 exports were 110,000 bags to Spain, 52,000 to Cuba, 29,000 to the United States and 11,000 to Puerto Rico.

The big importers were France, Malta and Algeria. They obtained the bulk of their imports from the major exporters mentioned above.

GARBANZOS (CHICKPEAS): World trade, annual 1957-1959 (calendar years)

Countries	1957		1958		1959	
	Export	Import	Export	Import	Export	Import
	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/	1,000 bags 1/
Europe:						
Italy	15	18	67	29	68	38
Portugal	94	--	165	--	61	--
France	--	84	--	91	--	176
Spain	--	--	--	76	--	--
Total	109	102	232	196	129	214
Latin America:						
Chile	8	--	32	--	48	--
Mexico	203	--	330	--	202	--
Brazil	--	20	--	218	--	30
Cuba	--	274	--	268	--	94
Venezuela	--	--	--	--	--	36
Total	211	294	362	486	250	160
North America:						
United States	39	58	67	99	40	82
Total	39	58	67	99	40	82
Asia:						
Malaya	--	54	--	44	--	53
Turkey	--	--	--	--	386	--
Malta	--	--	--	--	--	166
Total	--	54	--	44	386	219
Africa:						
Morocco	75	--	306	--	634	--
Algeria	18	28	16	26	22	153
Anglo-Egypt-Sudan...	22	--	22	--	22	--
Egypt	--	53	--	--	--	--
Mozambique	--	--	--	42	--	--
Total	115	81	344	68	678	153
Total reporting	474	589	1,005	893	1,483	828
Total non-reporting	110	130	71	172	65	690
Grand total	584	719	1,076	1,065	1,548	1,518

1/ 100-lb. bags.

The United States, a comparatively small trader in garbanzos, both imported and exported in 1957, 1958 and 1959.

In 1959, imports totaled 32,000 bags from Portugal, 23,000 from Mexico and 15,000 from Morocco. Destination of United States exports are not reported separately in export statistics. Cuba is known to have been a major destination prior to Castro.

Venezuela imported 22,000 bags from Portugal, 5,000 from the United States and 3,000 from Morocco. Brazil imported 15,000 bags from Morocco.

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